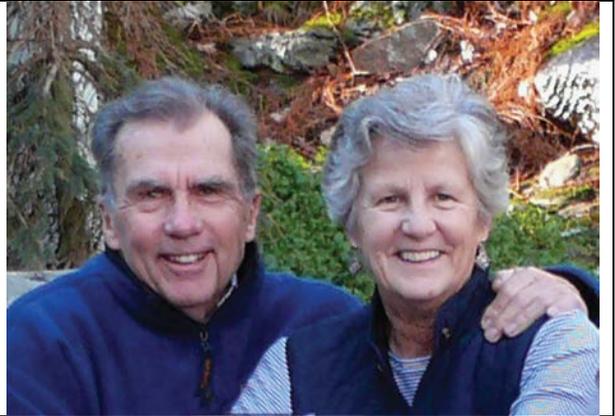


DOUG & DALE BRUCE

- Regional Rear Commodores - USA/NE
- General Committee Members – 2009 to 2014
- Doug – General Committee Member – Elected 2014



PERSONAL

Doug & Dale (we) have been sailing almost all our lives having met at a junior sailing program in 1961. Married in 1966, we have 3 wonderful daughters and 7 energetic grandchildren. Doug worked in New York City in the advertising agency business and retired (early) in 1994 when we left home and went cruising.

SAILING / CRUISING

We both raced actively and then graduated to “bigger” boats as our family matured and became enamored with cruising. Having read virtually every book and magazine article about sailing, our retirement dream was to buy a cruising boat and head offshore. When the opportunity came, we bought a Tayana 55, *Bluewater*, and heaved the docklines aboard in 1995. The plan was to live aboard one year at a time and travel where the spirits guided us. One year quickly became five and we had seen virtually all of the Caribbean plus the US East Coast as far north as Maine. In late 1999 we bought a house in Camden, Maine and became summertime sailors heading for the Canadian Maritimes. We’ve now made 7 trips to Newfoundland.

THE OCC

During our first year afloat we met a wonderful British couple, OCC members John & Jean Armitage. They took us under their wing and taught us much of what we know about cruising sensibly. After finally completing our qualifying passage in 1998 (Beaufort, North Carolina to Tortola, BVI), we were thrilled to receive our OCC burgee and start making new cruising friends from all over the globe. What a magical “entrée” to experienced cruisers that flag was then and still is today! After moving ashore in Camden Maine in 2000, we were flattered to be asked to become Port Officers, a job we held somewhat “in absentia” for several years while cruising in Newfoundland.

In 2008 we were encouraged to become Regional Rear Commodores for USA/NE (elected in 2009) and have now run 6 increasingly popular Maine Rallies, plus numerous other events throughout the year in the USA/NE region which extends from Delaware Bay north into the Canadian Maritimes. Our term as RRC’s has just expired and a new couple will take over for us in 2015, Pam MacBrayne and Denis Moonan.

In 2011 we organized a successful month-long cruise along Newfoundland’s dramatic South Coast where we ran 4 official parties and dozens of unofficial gatherings. There was great sailing and great camaraderie, and unfortunately, one dismasting ... fortuitously with no injuries.



In 2006 we were honored to receive the club's Rambler Medal for our 2005 circumnavigation of Newfoundland, 1600-mile voyage that we classify as a journey of a lifetime. We enjoyed scenery and personal relationships that can easily be recalled with pleasure on a regular basis (i.e., we have many stories that we still bore people with). And in 2010 we were especially honored with the Geoff Pack Memorial Award for our production of "The Cruising Guide to Newfoundland." Our experiences in Newfoundland and the creation of this cruising guide have given us enormous pleasure and we are now regularly consulted by sailors from all over the globe planning cruises to this magnificent area.

CURRENTLY

Today we are heavily involved in creating the annual magazine for the Cruising Club of America, "Voyages." In our spare time (!?!), we are delighted to give back to the OCC via our RRC and committee duties—to the club that has given us so much pleasure and has allowed us to meet so many fascinating people in many countries around the world. We just sold *Bluewater* this past summer (2014). We will remember her fondly and are looking forward to bringing a smaller boat into our lives before too long.

If your travels bring you to Camden, please allow us to show you what Maine hospitality is all about.

"Long may your big jib draw"

[A Newfy expression akin to "fair winds"]